

What is claimed is:

1. A method for making the shaft of a hockey stick comprising the steps of:
providing two longitudinal rectangular wooden half-cores having a proximate end portion, a distal end portion and a central portion;
for each half-core, machining a channel in at least the central portion thereof;
assembling the machined half-cores face-to-face to thereby yield a hollow wooden core provided with a cavity in at least its central portion, the assembled machined half-cores defining a joint therebetween;
mounting a joint reinforcement layer to the hollow wooden core so that the joint reinforcement layer reinforces the joint between the two half-cores.
2. The method for making the shaft of a hockey stick as recited in claim 1, wherein said joint reinforcement layer mounting step includes the mounting of a relatively thin reinforcement strip on either opposite wider faces of the hollow wooden core.
3. The method for making the shaft of a hockey stick as recited in claim 2, wherein said joint reinforcement layer mounting step further includes the mounting of a layer of high modulus fabric enclosing the hollow wooden core and the relatively thin reinforcement strips.
4. The method for making the shaft of a hockey stick as recited in claim 1, wherein said joint reinforcement layer mounting step includes the mounting of a layer of high modulus fabric enclosing the hollow wooden core.
5. The method for making the shaft of a hockey stick as recited in claim 1, wherein said machined half-core assembling step includes applying an adhesive to the half-cores.
6. The method for making the shaft of a hockey stick as recited in claim 1, wherein said joint reinforcement layer mounting step includes applying an adhesive to at least one of the joint reinforcement layer and the hollow wooden core.

7. The method for making the shaft of a hockey stick as recited in claim 1, wherein said channel machining step includes machining a generally U-shaped channel.

8. The method for making the shaft of a hockey stick as recited in claim 1, wherein said channel machining step includes the machining of a generally semi-cylindrical channel

9. The method for making the shaft of a hockey stick as recited in claim 8, wherein said joint reinforcement layer mounting step includes mounting a cylindrical tube in the longitudinal semi-cylindrical channels of said half-cores.

10. The method for making the shaft of a hockey stick as recited in claim 1, wherein said wooden half-cores providing step includes providing wooden half-cores made of wood selected from the group consisting of aspen and poplar.